Table 2.

OASI retirement benefits, by type of beneficiary, September 2002–September 2003

Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
2002						
September	32,303	29,138	2,695	470		
October	32,331	29,167	2,692	472		
November	32,344	29,182	2,688	475		
December	32,348	29,190	2,681	477		
2003						
January	32,371	29,221	2,672	478		
February	32,385	29,238	2,666	480		
March	32,399	29,256	2,660	484		
April	32,435	29,292	2,656	487		
May	32,466	29,325	2,652	489		
June	32,481	29,353	2,646	481		
July	32,508	29,395	2,643	470		
August	32,534	29,425	2,638	471		
September	32,570	29,462	2,635	474		
	Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)					
2002						
September	27,035	25,641	1,197	196		
October	27,074	25,680	1,196	198		
November	27,140	25,744	1,196	199		
December	27,539	26,125	1,210	203		
2003						
January	27,593	26,182	1,207	204		
February	27,623	26,213	1,205	206		
March	27,655	26,246	1,202	208		
April	27,706	26,296	1,200	210		
May	27,749	26,340	1,199	211		
June	27,784	26,380	1,197	207		
July	27,832	26,434	1,195	202		
August	27,875	26,478	1,194	203		
September	27,923	26,525	1,193	205		

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Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
2002						
September	836.90	880.00	444.20	417.90		
October	837.40	880.50	444.30	418.60		
November	839.10	882.20	445.10	420.00		
December	851.30	895.00	451.30	426.40		
2003						
January	852.40	896.00	451.60	428.00		
February	853.00	896.50	451.70	428.80		
March	853.60	897.10	451.80	429.50		
April	854.20	897.70	452.00	430.20		
May	854.70	898.20	452.00	430.90		
June	855.40	898.70	452.20	431.00		
July	856.20	899.30	452.40	430.70		
August	856.80	899.80	452.60	431.60		
September	857.30	900.30	452.60	432.20		

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are for the end of the specified month.

Some Social Security beneficiaries are entitled to more than one type of benefit. In most cases, they are dually entitled to a worker benefit and a higher spouse or widow(er) benefit. If both benefits are financed from the same trust fund, the beneficiary is usually counted only once in the statistics, as a retired-worker or a disabled-worker beneficiary, and the benefit amount recorded is the larger amount associated with the auxiliary benefit. If the benefits are paid from different trust funds the beneficiary is counted twice, and the respective benefit amounts are recorded for each type of benefit.

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